

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The final Office Action dated February 25, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicants kindly acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-20 and 23-32. Claims 1-32 are pending in the application. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 21 are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,853,406, issued to Lee et al. (hereafter "Lee"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection because Lee fails to teach or suggest each of the features recited in the claims of the present application. For example, Lee fails to teach or suggest a thin film transistor "wherein the drain electrode has a variation in width in a portion that overlaps a gate electrode" as recited in independent claim 21 of the present application.

Lee discloses a liquid crystal display device "wherein overlapping widths between the gate electrode and the source and drain electrodes vary" (see Abstract). Specifically, as illustrated in Fig. 9 of Lee, "first to third overlapping widths "L_A", "L_B" and "L_C" of the drain electrode 164a, 164b, and 164c are respectively adjusted in accordance with the first to third pixel regions" (col. 8, lines 9-13). Applicants respectfully submit the overlapping regions L_A, L_B and L_C are not equivalent to the variation in width of the drain electrode recited in the claims of the present application. As such, Lee fails to teach "wherein the drain electrode has a variation in width in a portion that overlaps a gate electrode" as recited in independent claim 21. Accordingly, claim 21 is not anticipated by Lee. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the Examiner deems that a telephone conversation would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

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